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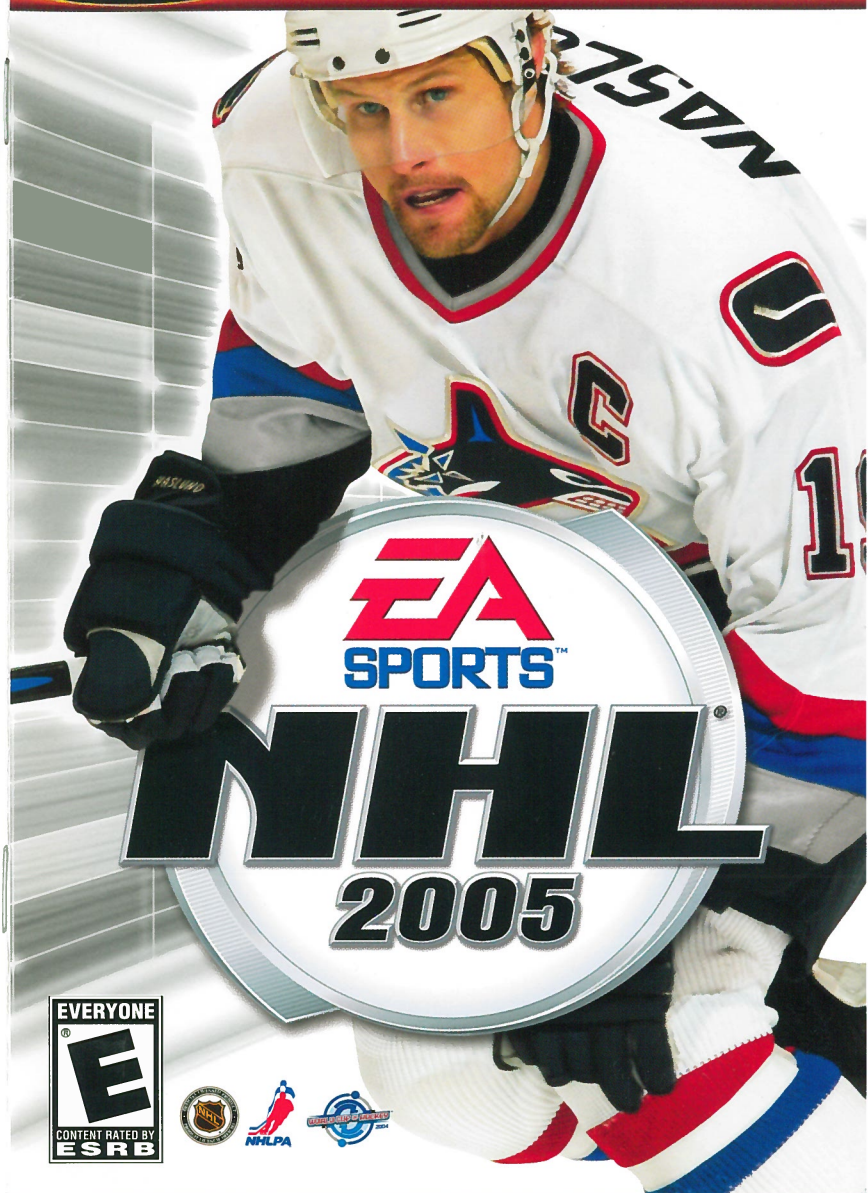


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A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while watching video games.

These seizures may have a variety of symptoms including: lightheadedness, altered vision, eye or face twitching, jerking or shaking of arms or legs, disorientation, confusion, or momentary loss of awareness. Seizures may also cause loss of consciousness or convulsions that can lead to injury from falling down or striking nearby objects.

Immediately stop playing and consult a doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. Parents should watch for or ask their children about the above symptoms—children and teenagers are more likely than adults to experience these seizures.

The risk of photosensitive epileptic seizures may be reduced by sitting further from the television screen, using a smaller television screen, playing in a well-lit room, and not playing when you are drowsy or fatigued.

If you or any of your relatives have a history of seizures or epilepsy, consult a doctor before playing.

OTHER IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

The Xbox video game system documentation contains important safety and health information that you should read and understand before using this software.

AVOID DAMAGE TO YOUR TELEVISION

Do not use with certain televisions. Some televisions, especially front- or rear-projection types, can be damaged if any video games, including Xbox games, are played on them. Static images presented during the normal course of game play may "burn in" to the screen, causing a permanent shadow of the static image to appear at all times, even when video games are not being played. Similar damage may occur from static images created when placing a video game on hold or pause. Consult your television owner's manual to determine if video games can be safely played on your set. If you are unable to find this information in the owner's manual, contact your television dealer or the manufacturer to determine if video games can be played on your set.

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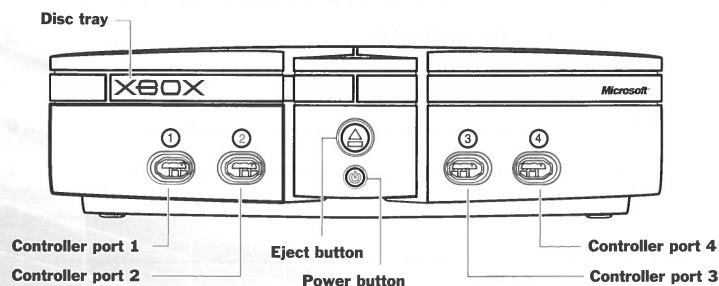
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USING THE XBOX VIDEO GAME SYSTEM



1. Set up your Xbox® video game system by following the instructions in the Xbox Instruction Manual.
2. Press the power button and the status indicator light will light up.
3. Press the eject button and the disc tray will open.
4. Place the *NHL® 2005* disc on the disc tray with the label facing up and close the disc tray.
5. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for more information about playing *NHL 2005*.

AVOIDING DAMAGE TO DISCS OR THE DISC DRIVE

TO AVOID DAMAGE TO DISCS OR THE DISC DRIVE:

- ❖ Insert only Xbox-compatible discs into the disc drive.
- ❖ Never use oddly shaped discs, such as star-shaped or heart-shaped discs.
- ❖ Do not leave a disc in the Xbox console for extended periods when not in use.
- ❖ Do not move the Xbox console while the power is on and a disc is inserted.
- ❖ Do not apply labels, stickers, or other foreign objects to discs.

TAKE NHL 2005 BEYOND THE BOX

Xbox Live™ is a high-speed or broadband Internet gaming community where you can create a permanent gamer identity, set up a Friends List with other players, see when they're online, invite them to play, and talk to them in real-time as you play.

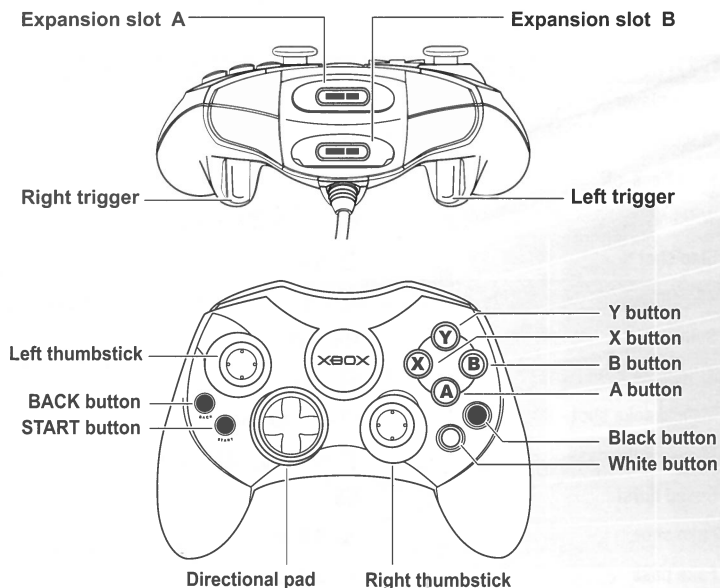
DOWNLOADABLE NHL 2005 CONTENT

If you are an Xbox Live subscriber, you can download the very latest content (such as updated rosters) to your Xbox console.

CONNECTING

Before you can use Xbox Live, you need to connect your Xbox console to a high-speed or broadband Internet connection and sign up for the Xbox Live service. To determine if Xbox Live is available in your region and for information about connecting to Xbox Live, see www.xbox.com/connect.

USING THE XBOX CONTROLLER



1. Connect the Xbox Controller into any controller port on the front of the Xbox console. For multiple players, insert additional controllers.
2. Insert any expansion devices (for example, Xbox Memory Units) into controller expansion slots as appropriate.
3. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for more information about using the Xbox Controller to play *NHL 2005*.

MENU CONTROLS

Highlight menu items	
Cycle choices/Move sliders	
Select/Go to next screen	
Return to previous screen	

COMPLETE CONTROLS

Whether you're playing an NHL rival or challenging for the World Cup of Hockey™, master these game controls and dominate the open ice.

PLAYER WITH PUCK

Move player	L
Manual deke	R
Pass/Face-off	A
Wrist shot	X (hold briefly to wind up)
Slap shot	B (hold briefly for harder shot)
One-timer (with loose puck)	B (tap)
Spin	L + Y
Auto deke	Y (tap)
Manual deke shot	R ← + R (click)
Manual deke pass	R ← + L + R (click)
Speed burst	R
Fake shot	Pull L while in a wind up
Fake pass	Pull L while in a pass wind up

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK

Move player	L
Speed burst	R
Body check/Bruise Control	Y / R
Hook/Pin/Tie up/Poke	X
Dive/Block	B
Charge up a hit	Click and hold R
Last man back	A (press and hold briefly then release)
Change player	A
Manual Poke check	L + R

NEW EA SPORTS™ OPEN ICE CONTROL/ OPEN ICE SUPPORT

Open Ice Control (Switch between players)	
Instruct a teammate to shoot slap shot	B
Call for a pass	A
Open Ice Support (Call for a double-team)	

BRUISE CONTROL

Throw a nasty check with Bruise Control. Move **R** in the direction of an opposing player to throw a check. You can also click and hold **R** and your player loads up for the hit.

GOALIE WITH PUCK

Pass	A
Saucer pass	X
Clear puck	B

GOALIE WITHOUT PUCK

Save attempt	B (tap or hold)
Control goalie	L + A (hold and release)

FACE-OFFS

Draw puck	A
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STRATEGY

Bring up line change menu/Select line	L +
Pause game	
Offensive Quick Play strategies	
Defensive Quick Play strategies	

FIGHTING

Activate fight	
High/Low punch	B / A
High/Low block	Y / X

❖ You can map your controls to different buttons using the Configure Controller option (via the Rules and Options menu).

PLAY NOW

Before you battle for the Stanley Cup®, play an exhibition game in Play Now mode. The games don't count in the standings but the hits still hurt.



- ❖ Before accessing the Quick Settings screen, you have the option to change your team's jersey for the upcoming game. When the team jersey icon appears (after pressing **A** in the Team Select screen), press **○** to select an Alternate, Vintage, Home, or Away jersey.

STRATEGIES

From the Strategies screen, set your Quick Play along with a strategy for each line, power play unit, and penalty killers. For more information on strategies, check out the Marc Crawford strategy videos.

QUICK SETTINGS

Select the skill level for the next game, along with camera angle, rules, and period length. You can also adjust the Player Advantage and Goalie Advantage sliders. From the Advanced Settings screen, set Line Changes to OFF, **AUTO**, or **MANUAL**, or Shot Aim to **AUTO** or **MANUAL**. When set to **MANUAL**, you are in full control of the action.

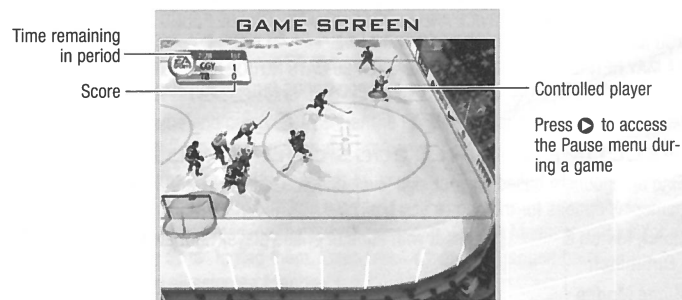
PLAYER ICONS

The icons listed next to player names indicate strengths and weaknesses.



ON THE ICE

Lace up the skates and get ready to light the lamp.



NEW FACE-OFF PLAYBOOK

Choose a face-off strategy after each whistle. Plan an attack in your opponent's zone or protect the net right before the puck drops.

NEW EA SPORTS™ OPEN ICE CONTROL/ OPEN ICE SUPPORT

Seamlessly switch between players with or without the puck—call for passes, tell a teammate to shoot, set up a vicious one-timer, or call for a defensive double-team on the fly with the push of a button.

QUICK PLAY STRATEGIES

Choose offensive and defensive quick play strategies on the fly.

XBOX LIVE™

Take on the best hockey players in the country without getting off the couch. REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ACCESS ONLINE FEATURES. INTERNET CONNECTION REQUIRED. EA ONLINE TERMS OF SERVICE AND SERVICE UPDATES CAN BE FOUND AT www.easports.com. YOU MUST BE 18 TO SUBSCRIBE TO XBOX LIVE. EA MAY RETIRE THE ONLINE SERVICE AFTER 30 DAYS NOTICE POSTED ON www.easports.com OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE 2004-2005 NHL® SEASON.

WELCOME TO NHL® 2005 ONLINE (LOBBY)

Find an opponent based on your skill level, check out the latest EA News, and set your gameplay options for the games you host.

Quick Match & Optimatch	Connect with another online player right away.
Game Modes	Enter a room based on skill level, create your own password-protected room, or create or join an online tournament.
Leaderboards	View the top 100 Players and Stat Leaders.
My Career	View your stats.
My NHL®	Set the options related to online gameplay as well as check news and online information.

CHEATING PREVENTION

The following rules are applied to online games to prevent cheating:

- ❖ Games can be ranked or unranked.
- ❖ A user is charged with a loss and a disconnect for exiting a ranked game before it is finished.
- ❖ Users are penalized for delaying games.

PLAYER OPTIONS

Highlight a player's name and press **A** to bring up the player options. From here you can challenge, send or read a private message, block or unblock, add or remove that player to or from your EA Messenger, or report abuse.

EA SPORTS™ TICKER AND MEDALLION

Stay up to date on the latest sports scores with the EA SPORTS Ticker. The ticker shows you the results of real races and scores of other sporting events. Keep an eye on the ticker for news and information from EA SPORTS.

The EA SPORTS Medallion to the left of the ticker indicates your connection status. During regular network operation, the Medallion is green and the Network Activity Indicator on the right side of the Medallion flashes to indicate network transactions. A red Medallion indicates that you have been disconnected.

If you are disconnected from the network for any reason, a warning message appears and you are returned to the main menu.

EA™ MESSENGER

Keep track of your friends, challenge, chat, and offer feedback with the EA Messenger.

TO SEARCH/ADD A FRIEND:

Press **X** to open the EA Messenger and then press **X** again to search for friend. To add a friend, highlight his name and press **A**. A Friend Request is sent to him. Once accepted, the friend is automatically added to your EA Messenger.

TO INITIATE A CHALLENGE OR CHAT:

Highlight your friend's name and press **A** in either the EA Messenger or in a game lobby. You can only challenge with one other player at a time.

SINGLE AND GROUP MESSAGES

To send a message to another user, highlight his name and press **A** and then choose SEND MESSAGE. To send one message to multiple friends in your EA Messenger, highlight the friends and press the **Ⓢ** to flag them. Then press **A** on any flagged friend and send a Group Message to all selected friends.

BLOCKING/FEEDBACK

You can block any player from corresponding with you in any way. You're also able to leave feedback—positive or negative—for any player. Please note that abusing the feedback system can result in action against your account.

DYNASTY MODE™

Build hockey's all-time greatest franchise. For ten seasons, you manage the roster; you coach the team; you play the games. After choosing a team to run, creating a GM name, and selecting your characteristics, Season One begins.

MAKING A NAME FOR YOURSELF

The goal in Dynasty Mode is to earn the highest score as General Manager. GMs have ten years to earn profits, win championships, and build a Dynasty.

UPGRADE BUDGET

GMs receive an upgrade budget for their actions and their team's performance. The budget is handed out during the season based on GM performance in: profit, attendance, team winning percentage, playoff performance, trading, free agent signings, and more.

MORALE

All players on your team have a morale rating starting at 100. Morale goes down if players don't get the ice time they want, they feel you're not spending enough on Team Functions, or your team loses several games in a row. View player morale on the Progress Reports screen. When morale decreases, player attributes go down.

TV CONTRACTS

A TV contract is already in place for the first season. Starting in the second season, you are offered a contract based on your previous year's playoff performance, your marketing level, and the number of prestige and high-prestige players on your team.

DYNASTY CENTRAL MENU

Every move takes place from the Dynasty Central menu. From playing the next game on your schedule to setting your Rules and Options, the details are explained on p. 10.

DYNASTY MODE CONT.

NEW EMAIL

Keep up on the latest news from inside your own organization—and around the league—with the *NHL 2005* email system. Get messages regarding trades, a note from your owner or team trainer, and more. But don't miss out on any breaking news—emails delete if you let them sit in your inbox too long.

DAY-TO-DAY

Day-to-Day operations include playing (or simulating) games on the schedule, viewing the season calendar, reading email, and saving your progress on the hard disk.

GM OPTIONS

As GM, you have the power to trade players, sign free agents, and view scouting reports in order to evaluate the upcoming rookie draft. You can also upgrade your staff in the front office, and adjust payroll, ticket prices, fan giveaways, concessions, and more.

COACHING OPTIONS

Take more control over the team by adjusting the practice schedule, editing lines, and tweaking game strategy. You can also review progress reports for every player on the team.

STATS CENTRAL

From overall team statistics to individual numbers, here's where you'll find all the stats you need.

RULES AND OPTIONS

Set rules and options to fit your playing style. Gameplay settings, display settings, sound settings, and the button configuration on the controller can all be adjusted here.

POST-SEASON

Once the regular season ends, the post-season begins. The good teams advance to the playoffs and make their run for the Stanley Cup®. The rest prepare for the off-season. In the end, only one can be crowned Stanley Cup® champion.

OFF-SEASON

This is the time where all GMs evaluate their respective teams and prepare for the upcoming season.

The first event in the off-season is the **NHL Entry Draft**. Here's your chance to fill your squad with some young talent. After the NHL Draft, GMs have the chance to offer contracts to free agents and release players from their team. After the free agent period ends, the new season begins.

OTHER GAME MODES

EXHIBITION

Practice one-timers, wrist shots, face-off strategies, EA SPORTS Open Ice Control, and more against live competition. Once you get the hang of the game, put your skills to the test in the other game modes.

SEASON

See if you have what it takes to play through an entire season. Set up a 29-, 58-, or 82-game season and make a run for the Stanley Cup®. You can play the season with current NHL rosters, or assemble your team through a Fantasy Draft.

NOTE: The Season mode menus are set up very similarly to those in Dynasty Mode. See p. 10 more for more information.

NEW WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY™

Take part in the excitement of this year's World Cup of Hockey™ event featuring teams from Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, and the United States playing in authentic European and North American venues. Playing under NHL rules, you set the number of Round Robins as an alternative to the length of series.

NEW EA SPORTS™ FREE4ALL™

The intensity explodes off the ice with an all-out hockey EA SPORTS Free4All. There's one net, one goalie, and every man is for himself. Up to four can play and the one who scores the most goals wins.

After selecting the number of players, choose from a list of All-Stars. Next, select the game (**Score Drive** or **On the Clock**), set the Rules and Options, and then pick the number of defensemen (up to two) to play against.

ELITE LEAGUES

Jump across the pond and take on Europe's elite. You can play an entire season against teams from the Elitserien (Sweden), SM-Liiga (Finland), and DEL (Germany) leagues. With Elite Leagues, you have 39 additional teams to play as or against—all with unique jerseys, traditions, and chants, specific to their league. In SM-Liiga, the top goal scorer of each team wears a Golden Helmet.

International rules govern gameplay, instead of NHL rules (e.g., 2-Line passes are permitted). League-specific rules are also enforced. For example, in the DEL, no game ever ends in a tie.

SAVING AND LOADING

NOTE: With the exception of Saving and Loading, the options listed in the Rules and Options section have been omitted from this game manual. Please follow the on-screen navigation menus for further instructions.

Don't let the hard work go to waste. Be sure to save your game settings to the hard disk.

TO SAVE OR LOAD YOUR GAME SETTINGS:

1. From the Rules & Options menu, choose SAVE/LOAD. Highlight SAVE or LOAD and then press **A**. The Save or Load screen appears.
2. Press the **Left Stick** to highlight the file you want to save or load, and then press **A**.

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